employees. A statement indicating the number of operating PSUs making profit/ loss, state-wise, during 1996-97. is enclosed (*See* below). The reasons for sickness are enterprise specific. However, some of the common reasons are resource crunch, erosión of networth, heavy interest burden, non-availability of raw materials, old and obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilisation, excess manpower etc.

(c) The steps taken for the revival of sick PSUs are enterprise specific. However some of the general steps taken include professionalisation of Board management, periodic performance reviews, technology upgradation; organisational manpower and capital restructuring, formation of joint ventures etc.

Statement

S.No.	State	Number of PSUs			
		Profit making	Loss making	No profit/ No Loss	Total
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	—	—	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	9	3	—	12
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	—	—	1
4.	Assam	2	2	—	4
5.	Bihar	6	7	—	13
6.	Delhi	44	18	1	63
7.	Goa	1	—	—	1
8.	Gujarat	1	1	—	2
9.	Haryana	—	1	—	1
10.	Karnataka	9	7	—	16
11.	Kerala	5	—	—	5
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4	2	—	6
13.	Maharashtra	18	10	—	28
14.	Manipur	—	1	—	1
15.	Meghalaya	1	1	—	2
16.	Nagaland	—	1	—	1
17.	Orissa	2	3	—	5
18.	Pondicherry	1	—	—	1
19.	Punjab	—	1	—	1
20.	Rajasthan	3	3	—	6
21.	Tamil Nadu	4	3	—	7
22.	Uttar Pradesh	5	12	1	18
23.	West Bengal	12	28	—	40
24.	Others	—	—	1	1
	TOTAL :	129	104	3	236

Growing sickness in SSIs

823. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of growing sickness or closure of small scale units in the country;

(b) if so, the details of sick or closed units in the country as on date, State-wise;

(c) whether Government would consider setting up a central agency or Bureau on the lines of B.I.F.R. which looks into the sickness of medium and large scale industries; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) As per the latest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India from the scheduled commercial banks, the total number of sick small scale units in the

country has decreased from 2,62,376 at the end of March, 1996 to 2,35,032 at the end of March, 1997. State-wise data on sick small scale units is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Nayak Committee set up by Reserve Bank of India at the instance of the Government of India had, in its report submitted in September, 1992, *inter-alia*, recommended setting up of BIFR Type authority to deal with the cases of sick SSI units. The recommendation was not accepted by Ministry of Finance for the reasons of practical difficulties in implementing the recommendation. The existing machinery viz. State Level Inter Institutional Committees and Reserve Bank of India's guidelines were considered adequate to tackle the problem of sickness.

Statement

State-Wise Data on Sick Small Scale Industrial units

State/Union Territory	No. of sick units as at the end of March, 1997
Assam	10133
Meghalaya	5531
Mizoram	1199
Bihar	22702
Arunachal Pradesh	26
West Bengal	53451
Nagaland	2738
Manipur	2707
Orissa	3408
Sikkim	30
Tripura	3171
A & N Islands	13
Uttar Pradesh	23286
Delhi	3943
Punjab	2466
Haryana	2574
Chandigarh	170
Jammu & Kashmir	761
Himachal Pradesh	2206
Rajasthan	14561
Gujarat	6310
Maharashtra	19360
Daman & Diu	4
Goa	604
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Madhya Pradesh	12070
Andhra Pradesh	15460
Karnataka	6937
Lakshadweep	0
Tamil Nadu	9809
Kerala	8908
Pondicherry	293
TOTAL	235032

Identification of PSUs for disinvestment

824. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the PSUs for disinvestment under the administrative jurisdiction of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) and (b) Government have given "in principle" approval for conversion of 23 PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industry into joint ventures as part of long term strategy to make them strong and viable. The names of these 23 units are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

Consultants/Merchant Bankers have been appointed in most of the cases and progress is reviewed at various levels. Some of these units were also referred to the Disinvestment Commission.

Statement

List of PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industry where Government has given "in principle" approval for conversion into Joint Venture.

1. Andrew Yule & Company Ltd. (AY&Co.)
2. Bharat Heavy Plates & Vessels Ltd. (BHPV)